

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph appearing on page 7, beginning at line 25 and ending at line 29 as follows:

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For a detailed discussion of the elements of the netcentric execution architecture 11 as well as netcentric computing systems 12, refer to co-pending U.S. patent application Serial Number \_\_\_\_\_ entitled Number 09/676,227 entitled ARCHITECTURES FOR NETCENTRIC COMPUTING SYSTEMS, which was filed on September 29, 2000, and is hereby incorporated by reference, in its entirety.

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No fees are believed required for this Preliminary Amendment. However, should any fees be deemed required, please charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

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